

Western Wisdom Bible Study

To aid those interested in a deeper understanding of the scriptures, we offer a correspondence course of 28 lessons compiled from Max Heindel's writings. These lessons reveal the basic harmony of religion and science, and offer logical explanations for many misunderstood basic doctrines of the Church. This Western Wisdom Bible Course is available on a free-will offering basis.

The Five Thousand Fed

And when it was evening, his disciples came to him saying, this is a desert place, and the time is now past: send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, bring them hither to me.

And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

—Matthew 14: 15-21.

This "miracle" is also recorded by Mark (6:30-44), Luke (9:10-17), and John (6:1-14), thus indicating that the path of Initiation set forth by each one included an understanding of the working of the Law of Multiplication. Christ Jesus, being the high spiritual Being that He was, could of course use this law, and everyone who continues to follow in His steps will eventually reach the stage where he, too, can manipulate the finer forces of Nature in a similar manner. However, let no one think that such a power can be acquired except by demonstrating an entirely selfless attitude.

In the 18th Chapter of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* is given a wonderful description of the Earth as seen and known by the advanced occultist. "To the trained clairvoyant sight of the Initiate of

the various degrees of the Mysteries, the Earth appears built in strata, something like an onion, one layer or stratum outside another. There are nine such strata and the central core, making ten in all. These strata are revealed to the Initiate gradually. One stratum becomes accessible to him at each Initiation, so that at the end of the nine lesser Initiations he is master of all the layers, but has not yet access to the secrets of the core."

It is with the atomistic Stratum we are particularly concerned here. "This is the name given by the Rosicrucians to the eighth layer of the Earth, which is the expression of the World of Virgin Spirits. It seems to have the property of multiplying many fold the things in it; this applies, however, only to those things which have been definitely formed. An unshapen piece of wood, or an unhewn stone has no existence there, but upon anything which has been shaped, or has life and form (such as a flower or a picture), this stratum has the effect of multiplication to an astonishing degree."

So it is that one who has learned to control the forces pertaining to this region can, by using a small amount as a nucleus, bring into the will to direct the physical atoms into the proper pattern, the nucleus may be multiplied to the extent required.

The ability to use the Law of Multiplication as described in this parable is but one of the high attainments in store for the Christed Man—the man who has unfolded the divine powers within him and is thus able to manifest his Divinity to the glory of his Creator. □